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Amendments To The Claims

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims. Only those claims being amended herein show their changes in highlighted form, where insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions) while deletions appear as strikethrough text (e.g., deletions).

1. **(Canceled).**
2. **(Currently Amended)** A blood parameter measurement system comprising:
a monitor configured to provide an oxygen saturation measurement based upon the absorption of two wavelengths of optical radiation by a tissue site;
a software upgrade installable in said monitor so as to enable said monitor to operate in conjunction with a multiple wavelength sensor; and
a wavelength controller adapted to said upgrade so as to drive said sensor. The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 1 wherein said upgrade comprises:
sampling software providing a drive waveform for said sensor; and
signal processing software adapted to demodulate a multiplexed signal from said sensor.
3. **(Original)** The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 2 wherein said drive waveform comprises:
a header interval that controls said wavelength controller; and
an emitter drive interval that enables drive current to said sensor.
4. **(Original)** The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 3 wherein said header interval comprises a sync period decodable by said wavelength controller so as to synchronize said wavelength controller and said upgrade.

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5. (Original) The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 3 wherein said header interval comprises a command interval decodable by said wavelength controller so as to allow said upgrade to command said wavelength controller.

6. (Currently Amended) A blood parameter measurement system comprising:

a monitor configured to provide an oxygen saturation measurement based upon the absorption of two wavelengths of optical radiation by a tissue site;

a software upgrade installable in said monitor so as to enable said monitor to operate in conjunction with a multiple wavelength sensor; and

a wavelength controller adapted to said upgrade so as to drive said sensor. ~~The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 1 wherein said wavelength controller is located in an adapter cable, and said adapter cable providesing an interface between the sensor port of said monitor and said sensor.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A blood parameter measurement system comprising:

a monitor configured to provide an oxygen saturation measurement based upon the absorption of two wavelengths of optical radiation by a tissue site;

a software upgrade installable in said monitor so as to enable said monitor to operate in conjunction with a multiple wavelength sensor; and

a wavelength controller adapted to said upgrade so as to drive said sensor. ~~The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 1 wherein said wavelength controller is integrated into said sensor.~~

8. (Original) The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 7 wherein said wavelength controller is co-located with multiple LEDs within an emitter component, said emitter component adapted to substitute for a two-wavelength emitter component within a pulse oximetry sensor.

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9. (Currently Amended) A blood parameter measurement system comprising:

a monitor configured to provide an oxygen saturation measurement based upon the absorption of two wavelengths of optical radiation by a tissue site;

a software upgrade installable in said monitor so as to enable said monitor to operate in conjunction with a multiple wavelength sensor; and

a wavelength controller adapted to said upgrade so as to drive said sensor. ~~The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 1 wherein said wavelength controller comprises:~~

a sensor control configured to route a drive signal to a select one of a plurality of sensor emitters; and

a sync detector adapted to decode a sync interval on said drive signal so as to synchronize the operations of said software upgrade and said wavelength controller.

10. (Original) The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 9 wherein said wavelength controller further comprises a command decoder adapted to decode a command interval on said drive signal so as to accept commands from said software upgrade.

11. (Original) The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 9 wherein said wavelength controller further comprises a transmitter configured to communicate sensor information to said monitor on conductors that communicate said drive signal.

12. (Original) The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 9 wherein said sensor control comprises an output multiplexer that routes said drive signal to selected emitters of said sensor.

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13. (Original) The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 9 wherein said sensor control comprises:

a plurality of switches configured to connect and disconnect said drive signal and emitters of said sensor; and
a switch control configured to actuate select ones of said switches.

14.-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A blood parameter measurement method comprising the steps of:

communicating a drive signal from a monitor to a sensor;
synchronizing said sensor with said monitor;
sequentially enabling a plurality of emitters of said sensor; and
communicating a sensor signal from said sensor to said monitor, ~~The blood parameter measurement method according to claim 20 wherein said synchronizing step comprises the substeps of:~~

inputting said drive signal to a wavelength controller; and
decoding a header interval of said drive signal so as to detect a sync event.

22. (Currently Amended) The blood parameter measurement method according to claim 2120 wherein said enabling step comprises the substeps of:

selecting a predetermined first emitter pair of said sensor in response to said sync event;
routing said drive signal to said first emitter pair; and
activating said first emitter pair during a drive interval of said drive signal.

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23. (Original) The blood parameter measurement method according to claim 22 wherein said enabling step comprises the further substeps of:

deactivating said first emitter pair;
selecting a predetermined second emitter pair to follow said first emitter pair;
routing said drive signal to said second emitter pair; and
activating said second emitter pair during a drive interval of said drive signal.

24. (Currently Amended) A blood parameter measurement method comprising the steps of:

communicating a drive signal from a monitor to a sensor;
synchronizing said sensor with said monitor;
sequentially enabling a plurality of emitters of said sensor; and
communicating a sensor signal from said sensor to said monitor. The blood parameter measurement method according to claim 20 wherein said communicating step comprises the substeps of:

selecting a predetermined detector corresponding to a selected emitter pair of said sensor; and
connecting said detector to pinouts of said sensor.

25. (Original) A blood parameter measurement system comprising:

a multiple wavelength sensor means for illuminating a tissue site with at least three wavelengths and detecting a corresponding tissue site response;
a software upgrade means for enabling a pulse oximetry monitor to drive said sensor and process a corresponding sensor signal; and
a wavelength controller means for interfacing between said software upgrade means and said multiple wavelength sensor means.

26. (Original) The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 25 wherein said software upgrade means comprises:

a sampling controller means for generating an encoded drive signal; and
a signal processing means for demodulating said sensor signal.

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27. **(Original)** The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 26 wherein said wavelength controller means comprises a sync decoder means for synchronizing with said software upgrade means in response to said encoded drive signal.

28. **(Original)** The blood parameter measurement system according to claim 25 wherein said wavelength controller means comprises a sensor control means for routing a drive signal from said monitor to a selected one of a plurality of sensor emitters.